

**5.4.1: The Alumni Association / Chapters (registered and functional) contributes significantly to the development of the institution through financial and other support services.**

MCET Alumni Association (MAA) was inaugurated on 26th January 2003 and registered under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975. Since its inception it has been active in promoting interactions and camaraderie among the alumni, students and the management. It strives to strengthen the bonds between alumni, students and faculty members by providing opportunities to share knowledge and experience, facilitating the exchange of quality ideas and perspectives. Currently, 15,700 alumni have enrolled in the association and act as the real ambassadors for the institution with 968 students inducted in MAA during 2022. [www.alumni.mcet.in](http://www.alumni.mcet.in), a distinct website and Mobile App (MCETAA) are linking alumni to collaborate, enhance the network and interchange the thoughts. The mentorship program established with the title MCET One, tag lined “Get the Right Opportunity, Network & Exposure” is on wheels from 2018. The focus of the mentorship program is to unite alumni with students for career advancement and community building via one-to-one mentorship.

The campus chapter serves as a nodal centre for alumni association operations, with an executive body comprised of the President, Secretary, Vice President, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, and office bearers. It is actively engaged in creating amiable rapport with the alumni bearers with three more chapters functioning at Chennai, Coimbatore and Bengaluru from 2004, 2009 and 2011 respectively.

These chapters conduct alumni get-together and interaction for upholding rapport among them. Distinguished alumni from private sector, civil services, research, entrepreneur and social services are identified and awarded. Every year on Annual Day, a notable alumnus or alumna is recognised for their significant contribution to MAA. On continuous pace, alumni voluntarily consent to be resource person during Student Talent Enhancement Program (STEP), Student Talent Enhancement Program - Unleashing Potential (STEP-UP), Program Assessment Committee, Board of Studies, Higher Study Awareness Program, Mock Interview, 1st year inauguration, Student Induction Program, etc. Alumni extend their financial contribution to the association through alumni endowment fund. Knowledge and networking of alumni help the students to get placed / gain internship opportunities and assist students' live projects in their own company or with their employer. One credit courses / open electives have been designed based on the consolidated alumni feedback.

MAA organises gatherings and meetings on a regular basis to support the institution and students and to increase possibilities for students to acquire knowledge about current events and technology. List of meets conducted so far:

- Alumni Grand Reunion in July'17 @ Campus Chapter
- Alumni Meet in Jan'18 @ Campus Chapter
- EEE Reunion in Jan'19 @ Campus Chapter
- Annual General Body Meeting conducted in May'19 @ Campus Chapter
- MCA Reunion in Mar'19 @ Campus Chapter
- Alumni Reunion in Mar'19 & Dec'19 @ USA
- CSE Reunion in Dec'21 @ Campus Chapter
- Virtual Civil Alumni Meet in Apr'22

- Chennai Chapter Alumni Meet in Feb '23 @ Chennai
- Bengaluru Chapter Alumni Meet in April ' 23 @ Bengaluru

The key takeaway from these meetings is to render opportunity to advance their career, fulfill their interest, acquire more knowledge, network with successful alumni, with industry experts, with like-minded individuals, exposure to current trends, industry standards, and field learning.